



Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 248, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

January 9, 2014

Chair Woodards called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

Council Committee Members Present: Campbell, Lonergan, and Woodards.

Council Committee Members Absent: Mayor Strickland.

Approval of December 12, 2013 Minutes

Council Member Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Lonergan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Human Rights Commission Interviews

At approximately 4:39 p.m., Chair Woodards described the interview process for tonight's meeting. The Committee then interviewed the following individuals for the Human Rights Commission:

Sue Pivetta (participated telephonically)
Vazaskia Caldwell
Moses Chege
Fred Schuneman
Crystal Hoffer
Tracy Murphy
Christina Zinkgraf

Chair Woodards asked the applicants if they were interested in serving on the Human Services Commission as well. Discussion ensued regarding whether the Committee should discuss the applicants' qualifications or interview the Human Services Commission applicants first, whether applicants must be City residents, and whether Chris Wukasch, who was unable to attend, is interested in serving despite not being able to interview tonight.

Human Services Commission Interviews

At approximately 5:53 p.m., the Committee interviewed the following applicants for the Human Services Commission:

Jovan Dumas
Zachary Lam
Haley Miller

Chair Woodards requested staff schedule future interviews in time blocks instead of having all applicants arrive at the same time. Discussion ensued regarding the applicants' qualifications and the number of positions to be filled.

Council Member Lonergan moved to recommend the appointment of Jovan Dumas to the Human Services Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire April 30, 2015. Seconded by Council Member Campbell. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Council Member Lonergan moved to recommend the appointment of Haley Miller to the Human Services Commission to fill an expired term beginning January 14, 2014 to expire April 30, 2016. Seconded by Council Member Campbell. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Council Member Lonergan moved to recommend the appointment of Zachary Lam to the Human Services Commission to serve a three-year term beginning January 14, 2014 to expire April 30, 2016. Seconded by Council Member Campbell. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

The Committee continued to discuss the applicants' qualifications and the number of positions to be filled. Assistant City Manager Tansy Hayward stated there was a resignation yesterday from the Human Services Commission.

Council Member Lonergan moved to recommend the appointment of Crystal Hoffer to the Human Services Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire April 30, 2015. Seconded by Council Member Campbell. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Council Member Lonergan moved to recommend the appointment of Tracy Murphy to the Human Services Commission to serve a three-year term beginning January 14, 2014 to expire April 30, 2016. Seconded by Council Member Campbell. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Council Member Lonergan moved to recommend the reappointment of Fred Schuneman to the Human Rights Commission to fill an expired term to expire December 31, 2016. Seconded by Council Member Campbell. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Discussion ensued regarding youth positions, the applicants' qualifications, terms expiring in the future, and current positions to be filled.

Council Member Lonergan moved to recommend the appointment of Vazaskia Caldwell to the Human Rights Commission to serve a three-year term beginning January 14, 2014 to expire December 31, 2016. Seconded by Council Member Campbell. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Discussion continued regarding the applicants' qualifications, current positions to be filled, and the number of votes needed to adopt a motion at this Committee.

Council Member Lonergan moved to recommend the appointment of Christina Zinkgraf to the Human Rights Commission to serve a three-year term beginning January 14, 2014 to expire December 31, 2016. Seconded by Council Member Campbell. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Discussion continued regarding the applicants' qualifications and the process to reconsider a motion adopted at tonight's meeting.

Chair Woodards moved to reconsider the motion to recommend the appointment of Crystal Hoffer to the Human Services Commission. Seconded by Council Member Lonergan. Voice vote was taken with Council Member Campbell voting in opposition. The motion was adopted.

Discussion ensued regarding the applicants' qualifications and future vacancies.

Chair Woodards stated the motion before the Committee is to reconsider the vote to recommend the appointment of Crystal Hoffer to the Human Services Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire April 30, 2015.

Voice vote was taken and failed with Council Member Campbell voting in favor. The motion failed.

Council Member Lonergan moved to recommend the appointment of Moses Chege to the Human Services Commission to fill an unexpired term to expire April 30, 2015. Seconded by Council Member Campbell. Discussion ensued regarding whether Mr. Chege should be appointed to a youth position. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

2013 Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Year-End Report

Due to time restraints, this item was not discussed. Chair Woodards requested to move this item to the next meeting.

Chair Woodards requested Ms. Pivetta, who also applied for the Citizen Review Panel, participate in the interviews for the Citizen Review Panel at the next meeting.

Committee Work Planning

Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

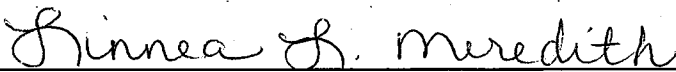
None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.



Victoria Woodards, Chair



Linnea Meredith, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office